



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1656
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

ROBERT RAY BURCH ET. AL.

CASE CR9715USDIV1
NO.:

APPLICATION NO.: 09/575638

CONFIRMATION NO.: 1504

GROUP ART UNIT: 1656

EXAMINER:

FILED: MAY 22, 2000

FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON SOURCE TO 1,3-
PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated October 18, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 04-1928.